

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Claims 1-20 and 25-26 remain in the application. Claims 27-28 have been canceled to facilitate prosecution of the instant application.

In item 2 on page 2 of the above-identified Office action, claim 27 has been rejected as being indefinite under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claim 27 has been canceled.

It is accordingly believed that the specification and the claims meet the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

In item 5 on page 2 of the above-identified Office action, claims 25 and 26 have been rejected as being obvious over Frick (US 5,140,928) under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

The rejection has been noted and the features in claim 28 have been incorporated into claim 25 in view of the Examiner's statements in item 9 on page 3 of the Office action in which it is appreciably noted that claim 28 would be allowable in independent form. Claim 28 therefore has been canceled.

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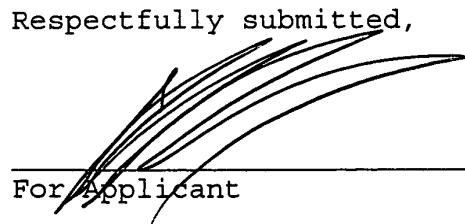
It is accordingly believed to be clear that none of the references, whether taken alone or in any combination, either show or suggest the features of claim 25. Claim 25 is, therefore, believed to be patentable over the art. The dependent claim is believed to be patentable as well because they all are ultimately dependent on claim 25.

Finally, applicant(s) appreciatively acknowledge(s) the Examiner's statement that claims 1-20 are allowed.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and/or allowance of claims 1-20, 25 and 26 are solicited.

Please charge any other fees that might be due with respect to Sections 1.16 and 1.17 to the Deposit Account of Lerner and Greenberg, P.A., No. 12-1099.

Respectfully submitted,


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